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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE 15/1

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE: SOVIET BLOC\*

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCIB-1, NSCIB-3 and NSCIB-15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, the following policies and allocations are hereby established:

1. Policies

1.1 In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

- a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.
- b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence and schedules of research programs, including external research, between all agencies concerned is essential.
- c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.
- d. Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies

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\* The term Soviet Bloc as used in this Directive covers the USSR, the Eastern European Satellites, Communist China, and any other areas under Soviet domination.

in order to fulfill its agency functions, but basic research studies should not normally be disseminated outside the producing agency without advance consultation with the agency having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

e. An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally carry out most of the research in that field.

f. Each intelligence agency will endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of its technical services and its other facilities having economic intelligence production capabilities with the work of the other intelligence agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such services and facilities.

## 2. Responsibility for Intelligence Production

The production of economic intelligence on the Soviet bloc consists of research on past and present facts and estimates, and forecasts of future capabilities and most probable developments.

2.1 Responsibility for intelligence research on past and present facts and estimates is allocated as follows:

a. The CIA shall have primary responsibility for intelligence research, as a matter of common concern, on the past and present state of the Soviet bloc economies.

b. The appropriate military agencies shall have primary responsibility for research into the production of military and

items and such studies as may be required to supplement CIA research in discharging their departmental responsibilities.

c. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for research <sup>relating to policy and</sup> which integrates political and economic intelligence and such studies as may be required to supplement CIA research in discharging its departmental responsibilities.

2.2 Responsibility for intelligence forecasts of future bloc economic capabilities and probable developments is assigned as follows:

a. The Central Intelligence Agency shall have primary responsibility for providing economic-analytical projections and establishing limits of economic capabilities.

b. The appropriate military agencies shall have the primary responsibility for estimates concerning military and items, capabilities, and vulnerabilities.

c. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for estimates that integrate political and economic intelligence in forecasting probable developments.

2.3 It is recognized that, despite the above mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which will require continuing inter-agency liaison and such working-level conferences as may be appropriate.

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**3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination**

**3.1 The Central Intelligence Agency will continue to have the responsibility for coordination of foreign economic intelligence as outlined in NSCDD-15. To assist the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out this responsibility the Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in LAC-D-22/1 (revised).**